

ABSTRACT

Methods and systems, including computer program products, for speech animation. The system includes a speech animation engine and a client application in communication with the speech animation engine. The client application sends a request for speech
5 animation to the speech animation engine. The request identifies data to be used to generate the speech animation, where speech animation is speech synchronized with facial expressions. The client application receives a response from the speech animation engine. The response identifies the generated speech animation. The client application uses the generated speech animation to animate a talking agent displayed on a user interface of the
10 client application. The speech animation engine receives the request for speech animation from the client application, retrieves the data identified in the request without user intervention, generates the speech animation using the retrieved data and sends the response identifying the generated speech animation to the client application.